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SUBJECT: CHILE HOSTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTIAGO DECLARATION

1. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PERU, JOSE DE LA PUENTE, CHILE, PATRICIO CARVAJAL AND ECUADOR, JOSE AYALA, MET AUGUST 18 IN SANTIAGO TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTIAGO DECLARATION CALLING FOR A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGNED A NEW DECLARATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLES FIRST OUTLINED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO; AND THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER DEEP SEA RESOURCES. EX-PRESIDENTS OF ECUADOR, GALO PLAZA, OF CHILE, GABRIEL GONZALEZ VIDELA AND OF PERU, JOSE BUSTAMANTE RIVEROS, WHO SIGNED ORIGINAL DECLARATION, WERE SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR AT THE CEREMONIES.

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2. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ISSUED USUAL DIPLOMATIC STATEMENTS LAUDING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING EXISTING BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES WHICH LED TO THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION. PERUVIAN MINISTER JOSE DE LA PUENTA, EXPANDED ON ROUTINE STATEMENT EXPRESSING WARM, CORDIAL LINKS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU DURING A PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED

BY CONSERVATIVE DAILY "EL MERCURIO" AUGUST 21. DE LA PUENTE STATED THAT CHILE AND PERU SHOULD REVISE THE 1941 TREATY CONCERNING TRADE BETWEEN TACNA AND ARICA TO INCLUDE OTHER ITEMS. HE SAID THAT THEY SHOULD TOGETHER GIVE MORE CONSIDERATION TO BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER'S STATEMENTS BECAUSE WITHOUT GOOD FAITH BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU THE CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE A LONG TIME. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PERU CONSIDERED CHILE TO BE AN ANDEAN COUNTRY, THAT CHILE BELONGED IN THE ANDEAN PACT AND THAT PERU WOULD LEAVE DOORS OPEN FOR ITS EVENTUAL RETURN, IF CHILE SO DESIRED. DE LA PUENTE ALSO STATED THAT PERU'S PURCHASE OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAS DICTATED SOLELY BY ECONOMIC, NOT IDEOLOGICAL REASONS.

3. THE PRESS COVERED THE VISITS IN A LOW KEY MANNER. THERE WAS ALMOST NO SPECULATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR OR PERUVIAN ARMS ACQUISITION. EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS LIMITED TO CONGRATULATING THE FORESIGHT OF CHILE, PERU AND ECUADOR 25 YEARS AGO.

4. COMMENT: THE COLLECTED MINISTERS UNDOUBTEDLY TOUCHED PRIVATELY ON THEIR MUTUAL CONCERNS (INCLUDING THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES) BUT WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE NO INDICATION THAT SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE.
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